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C O N F I D E N T I A L SAIGON 6831

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR VS

SUBJECT: MEKONG CONVOY

FOLLOWING TELEGRAM RECEIVED FROM AMCONSUL CAN THO APRIL 19, 1973
REPEATED FOR YOUR INFO.

QUOTE:

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E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR, VS

SUBJECT: MEKONG CONVOY

REF: UNCLAS SAIGON 06636

1. THE CANDEL REGION VII TELLS US THE GVN JMC HAS NOT PROTESTED
OHE MEKONG RIVER ATTACKS TO EITHER ICCS VI OR VII. IF A PROTEST
IS LODGED, HE WOULD PREFER IT BE MADE TO REGION VII SINCE COORD-
INATING THE INVESTIGATION WITH MILITARY REGION AUTHORITIES IS EASIER
IN CAN THO.

2. CANDEL ALSO NOTES HE DOUBTS THE GVN JMC WILL MOVE. THE JMC
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TEAM IS ALMOST INACTIVE AND WILL ONLY MOVE AT THE DIRECTION OF SAIGON
OR THE MR IV COMMANDER.

3. AT THE CONSULATE GENERAL' S RECOMMENDATION, THE CANDELNTSKED
GEN
NGHI TO MAKE AVAILABLE FOR ICCS INTERROGATION AN NVA PRISONER,
PRACTICALLY CAUGHT IN THE ACT OF FIRING RUSSIAN MADE WIRE- GUIDED
MISSILES AT THE CONVOY. THE INTERROGATION
IS SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE AT 1500 TODAY.

4. GEN NGHI CONFIRMED TO A CONSULATE GENERAL OFFICER APRIL 18,
HE WOULD TURN THE PRISONER OVER, NOTING HE WAS BREADKING RULES BY
NOT SENDING PRISONER DIRECTLY TO JGS.

5. WE WILL SUGGEST MR IV STIMULATE A PROTEST BUT RECOMMEND THE EM-
BASSY MAKE THE SAME POINT WITH THE GVN CENTRAL JMC.

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